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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: THAI RICE FOR CAMBODIA

FROM SVOBODA

REF: PHNOM PENH 3563

1. CHUMPHOL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE, INFORMED KHMER OFFICIALS THAT AT PRESENT RTG CANNOT COMMIT ITSELF FOR MORE THAN 5,000 MT OF RICE FOR DELIVERY BEGINNING OF MAY. ADDED THAT THIS WAS ALSO HIS ANSWER TO PM IN RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S REQUEST FOR ADVICE. CHOUMPHOL REFUSES TO COMMIT HIMSELF FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TONNAGE, PERHAPS BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY. ADVISES GKR MUST APPROACH THE RTG AT HIGHEST LEVEL IF MORE RICE DESIRED.

2. MOREOVER RICE OFFERED WILL HAVE MORE BROKENS, 55 PER CENT AS COMPARED TO 25 PERCENT DELIVERED LAST TIME, ALTHOUGH QUALITY IS THE SAME: WHITE RICE NO. 1. PRICE WILL BE ABOUT \$135.00 PER MT FOB STOWED BANGKOK PLUS \$27.00 FOR FREIGHT. NEED AID/ W APPROVAL OF PRICE BY NOON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, LOCAL TIME AND DATE, AS KHMERS WISH SIGN CONTRACT THE SAME DAY AFTERNOON.

3. TRANSACTION WILL BE HANDLED AS LAST TIME ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. BOTH THAIS AND KHMERS PREFER IT BECAUSE THEY ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCEDURE. IN VIEW OF WEDEMAN ADVICE TO SVOBODA TO FOLLOW
DIRECT L/ COM PROCEDURE PHNOM PENH, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU
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